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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING IN AQABA

1. PM RIFAI REVIEWED WITH ME SUBJECTS HE WILL WANT TO RAISE DURING BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN AQABA.
2. HE IS ASKING ABOUT FOLLOWING ISSUES WHICH HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED IN EARLIER EMBASSY CABLES: STATUS OF PL-480 REQUEST FOR 20,000 TONS OF WHEAT; STATUS OF MILITARY AID AND BUDGET SUPPORT FUNDS FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR; US DECISIONS ON REQUESTS FOR FUNDS FOR ABOVE PROGRAMS FOR FY 76 AND FOLLOWING YEARS; TAPLINE ISSUE; AND KING'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON.
3. ON PL-480, I TOLD HIM I HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AND THEREFORE NOTHING TO OFFER ON REQUEST.
4. ON FUND FOR THIS YEAR, I SAID THAT RESTED WITH ACTION BY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS AND THAT THERE COULD BE NO EXECUTIVE BRANCH DECISIONS IN ADVANCE OF KNOWING EXACTLY WHAT COULD BE APPROPRIATED. I RECALLED FOR HIM SENATOR INOUE'S OPTIMISTIC REMARKS AS AN INDICATOR OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IN THE SENATE BUT HAD NO SUCH SIMILAR STATEMENT TO OFFER ON THE HOUSE.
5. ON FUTURE YEAR FUNDING OF PROGRAMS I NOTED ONLY THAT

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DAN PARKER HAD BEEN OPTIMISTIC THAT OUR REQUEST TO

CONGRESS FOR FY 76 JORDANIAN BUDGET SUPPORT WOULD BE NEAR OR AROUND
PRESENT LEVELS.

6. ON TAPLINE,(SEPTTEL (AMMAN 1075).

7. ON KING'S VISIT, RIFAI SAID THAT HE RECOGNIZED THAT TIMING,
AS SECRETARY SAID IN HIS RECENT COMMUNICATION, WOULD BE
DISCUSSED IN AQABA. IF SECRETARY WAS PLANNING RETURN TRIP TO
THE AREA, KING WOULD NOT PLAN TO COME TO WASHINGTON BEFORE
THAT TIME. KING ALSO REALIZED THAT PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S
SCHEDULES WERE FACTORS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN SETTING ANY
DEFINITE PLAN FOR A WASHINGTON VISIT.
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